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LETTER DATED 23 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should like to refer to my letter of 6 August 1991 (S/29916), in which I informed you of my intention to make certain adjustments in the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM).

Since then, the level of activity on the Iraq-Kuwait border has increased and, as you are aware, an incident in which shots were fired occurred on 14 August. In view of the circumstances, I consider it advisable not to proceed, for the time being, with reducing the strength of the military observers from 300 to 250, as I had intended. I shall continue to monitor the situation closely, and, if necessary, shall report to the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would inform the members of the Security Council of this matter.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ DE CUELLAR
